



Tennessee Farm Facts

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Tennessee Milk Production Down 5 Percent

Tennessee: January-March 2008 quarterly production of milk was 256 million pounds, down 5 percent from the January-March period in 2007. The average number of milk cows was 61,000 head, 5,000 head less than the same period a year earlier. October-December 2007 quarterly production of milk, at 233 million pounds, was down 6 percent from the October-December period in 2006. The average number of milk cows for the October-December quarter was 61,000 head, 5,000 less than a year earlier.

Milk Cows and Production: Tennessee, Surrounding States, and U.S., Preliminary January-March, 2007-2008

	Jan-Mar Milk Cows ¹		Jan-Mar Milk Production ²		Change from 2007
	2007	2008	2007	2008	
	1,000 Head		Million Pounds		Percent
Alabama	13.0	12.0	58	53	-8.6
Arkansas	18.0	16.5	61	55	-9.8
Georgia	77	77	381	363	-4.7
Kentucky	93	91	332	325	-2.1
Mississippi	22	21	94	86	-8.5
Missouri	115	110	444	407	-8.3
North Carolina	48	48	242	238	-1.7
Tennessee	66	61	270	256	-5.2
Virginia	100	98	449	453	0.9
United States	9,138	9,250	46,058	47,552	3.2

¹ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. ² Excludes milk sucked by calves.

United States: Milk production in the 23 major States during March totaled 15.1 billion pounds, up 2.4 percent from March 2007. February revised production at 13.9 billion pounds, was up 6.2 percent from February 2007. The February revision represented an increase of 23 million pounds or 0.2 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,795 pounds for March, 12 pounds above March 2007. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.44 million head, 141,000 head more than March 2007, and 9,000 head more than February 2008.

U.S. January - March Milk Production: Milk production in the U.S. during the January - March quarter totaled 47.6 billion pounds, up 3.2 percent from the January - March quarter last year. The average number of milk cows in the U.S. during the quarter was 9.25 million head, 112,000 head more than the same period last year.

Dairy Products Prices Highlights: **Cheddar Cheese** prices received for US 40 pound Blocks averaged \$1.80 per pound for the week ending April 12. The price per pound increased 0.3 cents from the previous week. The price for US 500 pound Barrels adjusted to 38 percent moisture averaged \$1.78 per pound, down 1.1 cents from the previous week. **Butter** prices received for 25 kilogram and 68 pound boxes meeting USDA Grade AA standards averaged \$1.35 per pound for the week ending April 12. The U.S. price per pound increased 0.6 cents from the previous week. **Nonfat Dry Milk** prices received for bag, tote and tanker sales meeting USDA Extra Grade or USPH Grade A standards averaged \$1.24 per pound for the week ending April 12. The U.S. price per pound decreased 0.8 cents from the previous week. **Dry Whey** prices received for bag, tote and tanker sales meeting USDA Extra Grade standards averaged 25.0 cents per pound for the week ending April 12. The U.S. price per pound decreased 0.6 cents from the previous week.

Young Chickens Slaughtered: Number, Live Weight, Average Live Weight, Pounds Certified, and Post-Mortem Condemnations, by Month and Annual Total, Tennessee, 2007

Month	Number Slaughtered	Live Weight	Average Live Weight	Pounds Certified ¹	Post-Mortem Condemnations	
					NY Dressed Weight	Percent ²
	1,000 Head	1,000 Pounds	Pounds	1,000 Pounds	1,000 Pounds	Percent
Jan	23,402	120,405	5.14	86,936	940	1.07
Feb	20,020	99,177	4.95	71,621	850	1.17
Mar	22,710	114,364	5.04	82,341	1,051	1.26
Apr	21,645	109,869	5.08	79,293	979	1.22
May	23,885	123,728	5.18	89,243	1,003	1.11
Jun	21,875	111,888	5.11	80,781	873	1.07
Jul	22,915	116,397	5.08	83,996	919	1.08
Aug	24,768	122,582	4.95	88,267	969	1.09
Sep	21,750	110,168	5.07	79,301	785	0.98
Oct	25,380	130,375	5.14	94,335	858	0.90
Nov	21,968	114,465	5.21	82,642	802	0.96
Dec	20,820	107,138	5.15	77,261	712	0.91
2007 Total	271,138	1,380,556	5.09	996,107	10,741	1.07
2006 Total	272,060	1,386,626	5.10	999,599	10,735	1.06

¹ Total chilled and frozen pounds certified ready-to-cook weights. ² Pounds condemned as a percent of N.Y. dressed weight inspected.

Layers and Eggs: Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by Selected States and United States, During March 2007 and 2008

Selected States	Table Egg Layers in Flocks 30,000 or more		All Layers ¹		Eggs per 100 for All Layers ¹	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	Number	Number
Alabama	1,279	1,289	9,371	9,545	1,921	1,928
Arkansas	4,563	3,554	14,602	13,936	2,000	1,952
Georgia	10,021	9,452	19,780	19,337	2,154	2,100
North Carolina	3,992	4,841	11,877	12,678	2,054	2,106
All Other States ²	262,960	257,204	292,571	286,544	2,364	2,366
United States	282,815	276,340	348,201	342,040	2,242	2,244

¹ Includes all layers and eggs produced in both table egg and hatching egg flocks regardless of size. ² Tennessee included in other states.

Livestock Slaughter¹: Tennessee & United States, March 2007 and 2008

Species	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
	1,000 Head		1,000 Pounds		Pounds	
Tennessee						
Cattle	2.0	2.3	1,696	1,943	887	864
Calves	0.1	0.1	43	32	422	457
Hogs	54.0	51.3	25,611	24,273	475	475
Sheep & lambs	0.9	1.1	69	85	80	79
United States						
Cattle	2,793.0	2,730.9	3,505,279	3,473,012	1,260	1,276
Calves	70.7	70.8	22,560	19,075	321	273
Hogs	9,201.7	9,661.6	2,485,278	2,616,784	270	271
Sheep & lambs	279.5	230.9	39,139	32,122	140	139

¹ Includes slaughter under Federal inspection and other commercial slaughter (excludes farm slaughter).

Number of Livestock Slaughtering Establishments: Tennessee, January 1, 1999 - 2008

Year	Under Federal Inspection	Custom Plants	Total
1999	25	23	48
2000	22	15	37
2001	23	15	38
2002	20	17	37
2003	21	14	35
2004	22	11	33
2005	22	9	31
2006	19	8	27
2007	19	8	27
2008	18	8	26

Red Meat Production: By Month, Tennessee, 1998 - 2007¹

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total ²
Million Pounds													
1998	18.3	15.9	18.6	18.0	16.4	15.7	18.6	18.5	18.5	22.3	22.2	22.0	225.0
1999	20.2	16.4	21.8	19.1	17.3	18.2	17.6	21.1	20.6	19.1	20.2	21.0	232.7
2000	21.5	21.0	20.9	15.9	19.1	17.4	17.1	21.3	19.8	19.9	20.7	19.3	233.9
2001	22.7	16.6	18.5	17.4	17.8	15.5	17.2	18.1	18.3	23.6	20.8	20.2	226.9
2002	20.2	15.8	16.2	17.8	18.4	17.7	17.3	20.3	19.6	23.1	20.7	20.5	227.6
2003	20.8	16.2	19.6	18.9	16.0	15.6	21.1	18.4	22.0	25.1	19.1	20.0	232.9
2004	20.2	19.7	22.4	16.6	12.4	17.9	16.3	17.8	18.8	18.3	19.5	22.1	222.1
2005	18.1	15.7	19.2	12.6	15.9	16.9	13.2	18.3	20.8	21.5	21.0	22.5	215.6
2006	19.0	15.2	18.2	12.5	15.7	15.8	15.2	18.3	19.9	21.8	20.6	18.7	211.0
2007	18.1	16.0	18.3	14.6	16.3	14.5	16.3	19.4	19.3	22.5	22.3	20.0	217.7

¹ Includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb and mutton, excluding farm slaughter. ² Totals may not add due to rounding.

Commercial Slaughter: By Species, Number of Head by Month, Tennessee, 2007¹

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
1,000 Head													
Cattle	1.7	1.8	2.0	1.7	1.8	2.0	2.0	2.2	2.1	2.7	2.3	2.1	24.3
Calves	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	1.0
Hogs	53.1	47.4	54.0	42.4	47.7	42.0	48.1	57.6	57.9	66.8	66.5	59.9	643.3
Sheep	1.0	0.9	0.9	1.2	1.0	0.8	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.3	0.9	1.4	13.1

¹ Includes slaughter in federally inspected and in other slaughter plants, but excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

Federally Inspected Plants and Head Slaughtered: Number by Species, Tennessee, and U.S., 2007¹

State	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep		Goats	
	Plants	Head	Plants	Head	Plants	Head	Plants	Head	Plants	Head
	Number	1,000	Number	1,000	Number	1,000	Number	1,000	Number	1,000
Tennessee	13	20.1	9	0.9	17	641.8	11	13.0	11	26.8
U.S.	626	33,720.7	232	744.8	618	108,138.2	480	2,528.6	397	639.4

¹ Includes data from week ending Jan. 8, 2007 through Dec. 31, 2007.

National Agricultural Summary

April 14 - 20, 2008

Corn: Four percent of the crop was planted, lagging the planting pace of last year by 5 points, and lagging normal by 13 percentage points. Significant delays were evident in Illinois, Kansas, Kentucky, Missouri, North Carolina, and Tennessee. When compared with the 5-year average planting pace, all States were at or behind except Pennsylvania, where planting progress was ahead of usual by 4 points. Rain delays this week, and previously, held seedings in Missouri and Tennessee 49 and 47 points behind the normal planting pace, respectfully. Cooler temperatures and showers have prevented planting from beginning in the eastern Corn Belt and Iowa.

Winter Wheat: Seven percent of the winter wheat acreage had headed, nationwide. Development was lagging last year's pace and the normal pace by 8 and 7 points, respectively. Heading had only begun in Arkansas, California, North Carolina, Oklahoma, and Texas. In these areas where wheat had headed, progress was significantly behind last year and normal. In areas where heading had not begun, development was near the 5-year average pace except in Missouri where heading was 7 points behind normal. Forty-five percent of the Nation's winter wheat crop was rated in good or excellent condition compared with 47 percent last week.

Cotton: At 14 percent complete, more of the Nation's expected cotton acreage had been planted when compared with last year at this time and producers were planting at the 5-year average pace. More than four-fifths of California's cotton acreage was planted, slightly behind last year but 28 points ahead of the usual planting pace. Planting had begun in all cotton producing States except Kansas, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia, where planting was at or only slightly behind the usual pace.

Sorghum: Planting of the sorghum crop had begun in Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Texas. With 26 percent of the crop planted, producers were at the same pace as last year and 3 points ahead of the 5-year average pace. Planting in Arkansas was facing the most significant delays, after receiving heavy rains during the previous week. With 7 percent of their intended acreage seeded, producers in the State lagged 53 percentage points behind last year's pace and 36 points behind normal. Sorghum growers in Louisiana and Texas had nearly two-thirds of their acreage planted and were well ahead of their normal pace.